

Gila Bend Air Force Auxiliary Field

Boundaries:

The Gila Bend Air Force Auxiliary Field is located approximately two miles south of Gila Bend off of State Highway 85.

Site History:

The Gila Bend Air Force Auxiliary Field (AFAF) facility dates back to the early 1940's when it was part of the Gila Bend Gunnery Range. It was an active Air Force facility until approximately 1995. It was used in support of aircraft using the adjacent Barry M. Goldwater Range, and for maintenance of the range and range targets. This activity is now supported by private contractors utilizing portions of the former facility. The facility is managed, for environmental purposes, by Luke Air Force Base in Glendale, Arizona.

During the spring of 2001, heavy rains eroded the soil and opened up a ten foot wide pit in a vacant area near a wash. Visual inspection indicated that this area had been used as a disposal area. Several empty, rusted 55-gallon drums were observed in the pit along with metal and wood debris.

Site Status:

An initial Preliminary Assessment/ Site Investigation (PA/SI) was conducted at nine areas of concern that were identified as former burial sites. These shallow burial sites contain waste debris associated with past installation activities. The PA/SI included conducting a geophysical investigation, trenching and sampling at the burial sites. Field work began in February 2004, and results indicate that six of the nine sites do not require any further investigation or remedial action. An expanded PA/SI has begun to investigate the remaining three sites. Field work commenced in October 2005.

Contaminants:

The contaminants of concern at the site include limited contamination in soils at nine waste burial sites currently being investigated. Contaminants of concern at the site may change as new data become available.

Public Health Impact:

There are no known health risks from this site.

Community Involvement Activities:

No community involvement activities are planned at this time.

Information Repository:

Interested parties can review site information at the ADEQ main office located at 1110 West Washington Street, Phoenix. With 24 hour notice, an appointment to review relating documentation is available Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., at the ADEQ Records Management Center, 1110 W. Washington Street in Phoenix, Arizona. Please contact (602) 771-4380 or (800) 234-5677 to schedule an appointment to review these documents.

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